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Two things come to mind that are important to consider for local residents regarding the proposal to remove shot rock and replace with gravel below Englebright Dam.

First is PG&E has twenty million dollars to spend. The shot rock in question is in Yuba County and Yuba County has the one of the highest unemployment rates in California.

Local businesses, contractors and at least some landowners will benefit by keeping this project here.

Regardless of the genetics of the salmon, spring run or fall run, the narrows area below Englebright Dam is short of gravel. The temperature of the river is twenty degrees below pre dam levels during summer months. The volume of summer river flows immediately below Englebright Dam are four to ten times pre dam amounts. Yet salmon have no place to spawn thereby negating all the efforts to save them.

Exposing gravel already there or injecting gravel will replace the missing link in efforts to increase the salmon in this stretch of river.

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